1½ years ago. They sent a petition to the Maharaja. There has been no estoppel or acquiesence. There is another statement by the Revenue Member that these people have given a Kychit. I deny it. They said that they had never given such a Kychit. It may be due to the undue influence of the Diwan Peishkar or under a mistake they gave their signatures to some papers. I do not want to press the Resolution. I appeal to the Government to reconsider the position.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

21. Providing Mattancheri with a Travellers' Bungalow.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri, South*).— "*This Council recommends to the Government to provide a first class Travellers' Bungalow in Mattancherri.*"

The resolution speaks for itself. I submit that the necessity for a Traveller's Bungalow in Mattancherri cannot be questioned. People from all parts of India visit the town. There is neither a good hotel nor a good boarding house. These travellers find it very difficult to halt there even for a night. When the motor traffic between Alleppey and Cochin is improving and when travellers cannot find a passage to Ernakulam they find it impossible to stay in Mattancherri unless they make forced visits on friends. I submit the Government should accept this Resolution and provide Mattancherri with a Travellers' Bungalow.

Mr. K. S. Panickar (*Ezhuvas North*)—I second it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).— The question of constructiug a Travellers' Bungalow in Mattanch[illegible]i has been before the Government for many years. Government have now come to the definite conclusion that it is a work which has to be primarily attended to by the Municipality and if the Municipality can find funds to construct the Travellers' Bungalow Government will be in a position to view the proposition favourably.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur South*).—May I know whether there is any Travellers' Bungalow in any Municipality which has been constructed by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).— In Chittur there is no T. B. In Trichur there was an old building which was once constructed by Government and it is

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now at the disposal of the Municipality. In Ernakulam the Municipality was maintaining a T. B. Government acquired the building which was being used for this Traveller's Bungalow for some other important purpose. So they have now purchased a new building for the purpose of the T. B. in Ernakulam.

But the present policy of Government is based on the sound principle that amenities such as these in a Municipality should be financed from funds provided by Municipalities themselves.

Mr. M. V. Cherian (*Mattancheri South*).— Whenever we come here with a resolution to provide some public buildings like the T. B. or Town Hall or grazing grounds or removal of filthy areas or for sanitation, Government always say that the Municipality is to find funds. Government always makes it a policy to object to these things on some pretext or other. Now in Eranakulam three or four lakhs are being spent for the removal of filthy areas and for putting up public buildings. It may be a great eye sore to the Ernakulam citizens. Mattancherri is paying as land tax and Income-tax larger amounts than any other town. But they have no amenities there. They have neither a town hall, nor a park nor a grazing ground and not even drinking water. We can only press and move the Government. The Government say that the Municipality should take care of these things. I think that this stepmotherly attitude towards Mattancherri should not be allowed to continue. I hope the Government will reconsider their position. People coming from various parts find it very difficult to stay there even for one night. When we go to other towns we get everywhere good halting places. But in Mattancherri which is the Queen of the Arabian Sea there is not even a Travellers' Bungalow. It is too much to give this sort of reply and the Government Member says there was an old building at Trichur which belongs to the Government. Give us at least a dilapidated building at first. The T. B. in Ernakulam has cost 40 or 50 thousand rupees. Is it not a shame on the part of the Government if people coming from various parts like Bombay cannot find shelter in Mattancherri? All people cannot go to the Malabar Hotel. Only big bada Sahibs may be able. Therefore I leave it to the good sense of the Government to reconsider this matter.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member must try to put a little more sense of responsibility in the Municipality. I may say for the information of the House that with regard to water

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supply Government had provided funds in the Budget and Government have been goading the Municipality to give us a definite reply. No reply has yet been received. Government have been sending reminders after reminders.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

The House rose for the day at 5 p. m.

B. V. KRISHNANKUTTY MENON,

Secretary to the Council.

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Minutes of the Standing Finance Committee Meeting held on Saturday, the 9th January 1937.

Present:—

M. R. Ry. K. Achyuta Menon Avl., Diwan Peishkar (Chairman).

,, K. P. Kannan Nayar Avl., Joint Secretary to Government.

,, P. V. Subramania Ayyar Avl., Comptroller of Accounts.

,, M. V. Cherian Avl.

,, E. Ikkanda Warriar Avl.

,, V. K. Krishnankutty Avl.

The following items of Additional Allotments were placed before the Committee for consideration.

1. Rs. 138—8—4 under '17—Law and Justice—B2—District Courts—Refunds'.

   Passed.

2. Rs. 5,600—0—0 under '29 — Public Works—A—Civil Engineering — Building Repairs'.